GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NAXALITE AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have/had convened meetings of Chief Ministers of Naxalite affected States to draw up a coordinated development plan;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether various States particularly the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for tackling Naxalite problem and for development of Naxalite affected areas in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): A meeting of Chief Ministers of the States affected by left wing extremism was convened on 4.4.2000. In the meeting it was agreed inter-alia that there must be a greater thrust on all areas of responsive administration including placement of very dedicated and sincere administrative hands in trouble prone areas, socio-economic development to cater to the needs of the poorer segments of the population and redressal of people`s grievances.

(c)to(e): Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the affected areas, were received from Andhra Pradesh (Rs.1299.17 crores), Bihar (Rs.1862.72 crores), Chhattisgarh (Rs.1435.13 crores), Madhya Pradesh (Rs.615 crores), Maharashtra (Rs.838 crores) and Orissa (Rs.268.84 crores) and were recommended to the Planning Commission for earmarking separate funds for the purpose. The Planning Commission raised certain issues regarding institutional measures to make administration responsible and strengthen delivery mechanism through greater involvement of the people. The concerned State Governments were advised accordingly.

Planning Commission has now been requested to extend financial assistance to these States for selected projects and works, considered critical in their fight against left wing extremism. A Group has been constituted in the Planning Commission to take further action in this regard.